

## FLASHES FROM OLD WORLD

Gen. Diaz Distressed  
At Nephew's Plight

Former President Sorry for Leader of Revolt in Mexico, but Realizes His Helplessness in the Matter.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Nov. 2.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz is so deeply distressed by the latest news from Mexico, and particularly by the imminent peril of his nephew, Gen. Felix Diaz, that he refuses to see any one except two or three of his intimate friends at the Hotel Astoria. One of these expressed to a correspondent the general's regret on being unable to influence the Mexican authorities in favor of the mitigation of the sentences against the leaders in the Vera Cruz uprising. He said: "Don Porfirio, however, realizes his personal powerlessness in the matter. Whatever spirit of magnanimity might animate President Madero in the premises, nothing his predecessor could do or say or hope for could affect the case otherwise than disastrously. The notion prevailing in some quarters of Mexico that Felix Diaz is simply a puppet in the hands of his illustrious uncle, in whose interest the late revolt was motivated, is utterly unfounded. Though Madero doubtless appreciates the entire falsity of the rumor, nevertheless, it increases the delicacy of his position, and accentuates the difficulty of personal intervention by Don Porfirio.

"Since he retired from the presidency, he never has entertained an instant's thought of returning to public life. He is an old man, worn out, like Wolsey, with the cares of life, and enjoying every one of his few remaining hours of repose. Senora Diaz also is happy to have her distinguished husband far from turmoil. At last the general himself has no interest in public affairs in Mexico, except that felt by every man who loves his country and desires its welfare. His hope now is that if the fate of the Vera Cruz leaders is left in the hands of the Supreme Court, that high tribunal will so temper justice with mercy as to create general pacification of the opposing elements and produce an era of peace throughout the country that only required tranquillity for the resumption of its normal prosperity."

Ramon Corral, the Mexican Vice President under Diaz, is lying dangerously ill at his Paris home in the Rue Berri. His oldest son, a student at a medical college in Philadelphia, was summoned to his father's bedside and arrived here a few days ago. There are probably only a few days before Corral's death, but he feebly asks to be informed every day of the latest happenings in the unhappy land of the Mazonmas.

RUMOR THAT KAISER WILL  
CHANGE ANGLE OF MUSTACHE  
CAUSES PANIC IN GERMANY

Berlin, Nov. 2.—The greatest news of the week is the mere rumor that the Kaiser is thinking of changing the angle of his mustache. Every one remembers the terrible time some years ago when the Kaiser grew a beard, and thousands of photograph sellers were threatened with ruin until the Kaiser, appealed to, consented to abandon the beard. You could get a lot of money if you found a photograph of the Kaiser in a beard, for he cut it off and killed the fashion. But he set the fashion of the turned-up mustache, which has lived. Shall it die?

Religion Dominant Note  
Among the Macedonians

People Mainly Responsible for Balkan War Allow Passion for Things Spiritual to Overcome All Else, and Much Strife Is the Result.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 2.—What sort of man is the Macedonian Christian, whose existence is mainly responsible for the war? "There is no easier way of getting a headache than in trying to grapple with the problem of the various races in Macedonia. As a matter of fact, there is no such thing as race there, for its place is taken by religion."

Thus a traveler who recently toured the Balkans said with regard to the Macedonian Christian, the cause of the war in the Balkans. "Western Europe," he continued, "still retains some illusions on the subject of Christians in the Balkans. Those illusions are not shared by the majority of travelers who have come into contact with the so-called defenders of the cross. 'There are three forms of Christianity in the Balkans—the Greek Orthodox Church, the Bulgarian 'Schismatics,' and the Roman Church. From the numerical point of view, the last communion only plays a minor part in Balkan affairs."

Much Religious Strife.

"It is the adherents of the Greek and Bulgarian churches who thoroughly hate and persecute each other. There are Bulgars in Macedonia who belong to the Greek Church and Serbs who belong to the Bulgarian Church, with the result that every Macedonian village is a hot-bed of religious strife and contention. 'A great many of the atrocities for which the Turks have been blamed have, as a matter of fact, been perpetrated by some too zealous band of Christian reformers, who have tried to convert to their own faith some stubborn village-dynastic being in great favor in the Balkans.'

"There is nothing in Macedonia of the English spirit of religious tolerance. When a native of the Balkans sees another of different faith he treats him as an enemy who must be removed. 'The Turk has been accused, probably with justice, of egging on the opposing creeds to fight, the most notable however, very little encouragement. 'Although the Macedonian would be very much out of place in any English church or chapel, he certainly cannot be accused of insincerity so far as his religious faith is concerned.

Even Bandits Devout. "He is very devout, and many a bandit would never dream of going out on a raid until he had received a blessing. 'Throughout the Balkans, however, superstition is still rife, the most notable being that of the 'evil eye.' No person accused of this undesirable possession would be allowed to remain in a village, but would be treated as a religious leper. 'An interesting Serb custom is to hang a bunch of garlic out of the window in order to keep away the devil. The majority of the superstitions are, however, in connection with Christmas. 'A practice at Christmas time universal throughout the Balkans is the throwing

## TRAINS BALTIMORE GIRL.

Emma Eames Devotes Most of Her Time to Miss Wise.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, Nov. 2.—Miss Emma Eames is devoting most of her time to polishing up the artistic talents of her protégée, Miss Douglas Wise, of Baltimore. Miss Wise is well known in Baltimore society, where she was acknowledged a beauty. With this quality, an aptitude for acting and an unusually natural voice, she came to Paris several years ago to study.

Before meeting Mrs. Eames she was heard at Nice by the directors there who, realizing her possibilities, made a contract with her, but since meeting Mrs. Eames who realizes the advantages that study with such a master will give her and now she is endeavoring to break the contract.

## FACES DEATH.



COL. C. FELIX DIAZ.

nephew of the former President of Mexico, whose insurrection against the Madero government in Mexico was thwarted by the Federal army. Diaz and his lieutenants were captured. Two of the latter have been shot to death. Diaz has been court-martialed and sentenced to the same fate. Madero has refused to pardon him, but so far as can be learned, no date has been set for the execution of Diaz.

NEW YORK HEIRSES  
TO BE A COUNTRY

MISS CONSTANCE WARREN.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, Nov. 2.—Miss Constance Warren, of New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Warren and a niece of Mrs. Robert Goetz, is to be a countess and may become a marchioness. It has been announced that she will marry Comte Guy de Lasterie, son of the Marquis and Marquise de Lasterie. The count is the son of an international marriage. His mother was a Miss Goodlake, of New York.

UNEARTH PLOT  
AGAINST JEWELERS

Slaying of Diamond Dealer of Antwerp Leads to Startling Disclosures.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Brussels, Nov. 2.—The recent murder of an Antwerp diamond merchant named Provo has led the police of that city to the discovery of what they suspect to have been a plot to get rid successfully, by assassination, of several of the wealthiest diamond merchants of the town.

Provo himself had been, at the end of last month, invited to a hunting party by his friends, the brothers Gaston and Richard Vergout, who are well known in sporting circles, and winners of prizes in motor races. He was shot down on the hunting ground leased to Gaston Vergout, and hurriedly buried there. A few days ago, Provo's body having been discovered, the brothers Vergout were arrested and charged with the crime in which a third man with a red beard, not yet identified and caught, is also supposed to have been concerned. Richard accuses his brother of being the murderer, while Gaston, in return, blames the crime on Richard. But what is startling the police and public is the fact that about \$15,000 worth of jewels belonging to Provo have been discovered in two places where Gaston Vergout and his associates were concealed by Richard. There was found a big brown diamond of a kind Provo never dealt in, and which must, according to the present theory, have belonged to an Antwerp diamond merchant named Davidson, mysteriously murdered last year in the same neighborhood, and whose murderers have not yet been detected. The police believe that the two crimes were both the work of the prisoners and the red-bearded man, who have most systematically plotted the death of many diamond merchants as possible to strip them of their wealth.

YOUNG PEERESS  
DEFIES PARENTS

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 2.—Once more the lovely Lady Beryl Le-Poer-Trench is disturbing the minds and defying the commands of her parents, the Earl and Countess of Clancarty. Lady Beryl, who is only nineteen, is the daughter of the late Belle Bliton, the beautiful and famous music hall singer whom the Earl of Clancarty, then Lord Kilmorland, married despite his father's angry opposition. Belle Bliton lived down the prejudices of her husband's relatives and of the set into which her marriage transported her, and came to be recognized as an honored mother and a worthy member of the nobility. But with the Bliton blood in her veins, Lady Beryl insisted on making her debut on the vaudeville stage last year.

Now she has engaged herself to marry an impecunious but good-looking young man, a son of the late Dr. Hope, of Curzon Street. Young Hope, who is in the reserve of the Irish Guards, lives with his widowed mother. The engagement has not been announced, and Lord and Lady Clancarty are doing their best to influence Lady Beryl to break it off, but the girl has a will of her own and clings desperately to her romance. Lord Clancarty will try to obtain a lucrative position in business for young Hope in the city.

## FIND ANCIENT SILVER.

Sculptured Pieces 200,000 Years Old Come to Light.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, Nov. 2.—M. Dharvent, a French scientist, residing at Bethune, has presented to the Congress of Prehistoric Anthropology and Archaeology six pieces of sculptured silver dating from the Chellean period.

It is suggested that they were sculptured no later than 200,000 years ago by our prehistoric ancestors who dwelt in caverns.

AUTOMATON HANDS  
OUT LOVE NOTES

Penny-in-the-slot Machine Proves Boon to London Lovers and Travelers.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 2.—Love letters can now be sent in London by means of a penny-in-the-slot machine. This mechanical "intermediary" is a novel adaptation of the wonderfully improved automatic machine, which may now be seen on the public platform of Marylebone Railway Station.

"The 'Notograph,' as the machine is called, is a sort of mechanical 'messenger boy,' which receives a message and displays it on a card behind a glass front for some three hours.

The machine at Marylebone Station advises you: 'If your friend has not kept his appointment, consult the Notograph. Perhaps he, or she, has sent you a message either by hand or phone, and it is being displayed for you in the machine. 'If your train is about to start and you cannot wait any longer for the friend who has not turned up, you should tell him your mind through the Notograph. 'Or if you made an appointment under the clock and are tired of waiting for your friend, leave a message saying where you may be found.'

Certainly this useful little machine, which can display some three dozen messages at a time, seems to provide a safe means of communicating in a public place. Messages cannot be tampered with or wrongly delivered, and no one but the person interested can understand your message, which you write with your own hands. You slide a penny in the slot, a panel drops, forming a writing rest, and you are automatically provided with a pencil and card. After you have written your message you replace the card in the frame of the machine, and it drops into position behind a glass window. There it remains in position for at least three hours, and then disappears to make room for another message.

Railway stations, and in London, particularly, tube stations, are favorite meeting places. But there is always that element of the beautiful uncertainty about appointments. It is at such public meeting points that the automatic messenger boy is likely to prove a friend in need.

VICAR HOLDS UP  
ENGLISH WEDDING

Objects to Sister of Dead Wife Marrying Her Brother-in-law.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 2.—A Devonshire couple who are desirous of getting married have failed in their endeavor to obtain a certificate of the publication of the banns, owing to the vicar's objection to marrying a man to his dead wife's sister. The woman has for several years resided at Ilminster, a village near Newton, Devon, and the prospective bridegroom lives at Hanwell, where he is a prominent church worker. The banns were to have been called on the first three Sundays in September, both at Ilminster and Hanwell. The vicar, the Rev. J. D. H. Patch, but he refused to publish them for the third time, having meanwhile ascertained the relationship of the parties. He told the prospective bride he had a conscientious objection to such a marriage taking place in the Established Church. "I do not suggest," said the vicar afterward, "that the woman tried to widow her husband. In fact, she made no secret that she intended to marry her sister's widower. Every one in the village seems to have known it except myself. The vicar added that the man who first told him of the impediment was prepared to publicly protest in the church. He told the parties he would not call the banns unless there was an understanding that a certificate would not be asked for, and that the marriage should take place in a registry office. Upon this understanding being given, the vicar consented to call the banns a third time.

The vicar says the deceased wife's sister act of 1906 gives him power to refuse to conduct such a marriage. He wrote to the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Exeter, and the English Church Union. The former replied that the vicar had power to refuse to call the banns. The vicar believes the vicar is very much distressed at the circumstance, and said more would be heard of the case. She considers the vicar's action inconsistent. She said she had no understanding personality in regard to the certificate.

For the American scheme, which will serve to link up the other half of the world, a powerful wireless station is being erected at Belmar, near New York city. Messages from there will be sent to a station in the Panama Canal Zone, thence to Hawaii, from Hawaii to Manila, joining up with the imperial service at Singapore.

South Africa is to have a station at Pretoria powerful enough to talk direct to Buenos Ayres, and New Zealand will have its wireless station at Wellington.

## CAUSES UNEASINESS.

Illness of Casarevitch May Develop Into Something Serious.

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St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.—Various stories published about the nature of the alleged accident which caused the Casarevitch's illness have served to veil the fact that little Alexis will be a source of anxious care for some time. In critical phases of his illness, it was feared he had contracted organic brain disease, which would have permanently crippled him. It is now hoped the trouble will not go beyond a tendency to organic weakness of the left hip.

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## MOTORISTS FINED.

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London, Nov. 2.—Another phase of the motor peril was disclosed at the Marlborough Street Police Court when a well-dressed girl of nineteen was fined \$10 for driving a motor in a dangerous manner, and \$250 and costs for being drunk while in charge of the car. An eighteen-year-old youth, described as a student of Cambridge, was fined \$10 for aiding and abetting the girl, and \$250 and costs for being drunk.

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## WHAT ARE WE COMING TO?



This is the very latest style worn by ultra-fashionable women of Paris, the place where American fashions are originated.

WIRELESS WILL  
GIRDLE THE GLOBE

Marconi Company at Work on Plans to Connect All Corners of the Earth.

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London, Nov. 2.—A girdle of "wireless" around the world—this is the work that the Marconi Company is carrying out with all dispatch, and within a year it will be a commercial possibility to send a wireless message from London to Australia, and receive an answer within an hour.

A newspaper representative was shown at the Marconi headquarters in London, on Saturday, a Marconi map of the world. Red lines which radiated in every direction showed how the most remote parts of the globe are to be linked up by wireless.

Amid the myriad dots which marked small and private stations, the routes were marked out by two great schemes which are to make "wireless" as usual a means of communication all over the world as the present telegraph wires and cables.

The one is an imperial scheme, and the other is an American transoceanic scheme. It is the imperial scheme which will link up England with Australia.

Mr. Turnbull, of the Marconi Company, pointed out the aerial route which Marconigrams will take on their journey to Australia.

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Russians Annex Portion  
Of Arctic No Man's Land

Reports, if True, May Cause International Complications, as English Syndicate Has Claim to Part of Spitzbergen.

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London, Nov. 2.—According to a report from Christiansia via Copenhagen, Russia has carried out a sensational coup by annexing a part of Spitzbergen, the arctic no man's land of ice and coal—and perhaps gold.

It is alleged that an expedition headed by M. Rusanoff has hoisted the Russian flag and annexed Bell Sound in the Tase name.

Bell Sound has since 1906 been claimed by a British company called the Northern Exploration Company. All around the sound, poles have been erected, on which are fastened bronze plates, on which the claim is announced in English, Norwegian, and German to this effect:

"This land is owned by the Northern Exploration Company. Claimed in 1906."

The claim has been respected by Sweden, Norwegians, and Germans who have enterprises in Spitzbergen, and no attempt has been made to jump it.

If, however, the Russian expedition has jumped it in the Tase's name, an international "affair" of considerable importance to Scandinavian countries will arise.

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PRINCESS MARY  
ORDERS WARDROBE

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 2.—A Queen Mary feared when she took her daughter, Princess Mary, with her on her trip to Germany, the voyage became the turning point in that young lady's life. Hitherto treated like a mere child, the princess was in the habit of meekly submitting to her mother's old-fashioned wishes in every way.

One of the Princess's first acts after she had ordered her first gown and selected material and cut for herself was to write a long letter to her grandmother, Queen Alexandra, in Denmark, whose favorite she has always been, and who has often championed her cause with her mother.

Among the court dressmakers the victor of Princess Mary has been heretofore with delight, for they have heretofore had only very lean accounts to make out during the present reign, while the long restraint has made Princess Mary quite reckless, and almost extravagant. The number of toilettes she has already ordered is enough to keep the dressmakers busy for the next two months.

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FEMALE DANDY  
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Clothing of Eighteenth Century Beau Finds Vogue with London Smart Set.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 2.—The female dandy is shortly to make her bow.

Save for her skirts she will be an exact replica of the beau of the eighteenth century, even to the three-cornered hat.

One of these new costumes seen on the Strand had a coat designed after the fashion of the picturesque beau and also the fancy waistcoat of the same period.

With this was worn the quaint tricorne hat of black, tilted over one eye in a coquettish style, and the long cane completed the picture.

The costume was made of blue velvet, the waistcoat was yellow, and the straight skirt, narrow round the feet, was trimmed with fur.

Many fashionable actresses and otherwise have recently been adopted for women from men's attire. They include: Military French bonnet, bowler hats, French cabmen's hair, swallow-tail coats, stiff little pique waistcoats, bushy hair.

Pinafore frocks, apron frocks, and other designs of kitchen origin have been worn during the last two years, and now a new development of the pantalon has arrived. This skirt has two large square pockets resembling the huge market pockets in the apron of Mrs. Market-Saleswoman.

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